

## Sports

Dan O'Meara editor/591-2312

Monday, February 6, 1989 O&amp;E

(7)10



# Harrison clinches share of cage title

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

Farmington Hills Harrison was supposed to be the team hand-capped by a player's absence.

In the end, it was Plymouth Canton, however, that suffered most from having lost a key member of its squad Friday night.

The Chiefs lost Brian Paupore in the second half when the 6-foot-5 senior sustained a broken nose, and visiting Harrison survived a lachrymose fourth quarter for a 36-35 victory.

But the unimpressive finale couldn't diminish the importance of Harrison's victory.

The Hawks clinched a share of the Western Division title with a 7-1 record and improved to 13-2 overall. Second-place Canton slipped to 5-3 and 9-6.

HARRISON ENTERED the game without 5-2 senior Bryan Wauldron, who was sick with the flu. Ron Karbowksi, a 6-4 junior, had four points and six rebounds in his place.

But the course the game would take was greatly affected by Paupore's departure with 2:59 remaining in the third quarter.

With the Chiefs leading 33-28, Paupore left the game after colliding with Harrison's Marc Eldredge. After taking down a rebound, Eldredge put the ball on the floor, and Paupore reached in front of him as he swatted at the ball.

"That was definitely the turning point," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, "because they were looking to him the whole game."

"That really put us even, because we were playing without Wauldron."

## basketball

*'(The fourth quarter) reminded me of a deodorant commercial. Which one was going to last: Right Guard or Ban? . . . As trite as it sounds, winning the last quarter 5-0, it was defense that did it for us.'*

— Mike Teachman  
Harrison basketball coach

But it was a shame, because he was having such a good game."

Paupore, who scored all of his 13 points in the first half, was taken immediately to the hospital. Canton coach Tom Niemi didn't know how long his team's leading scorer will be sidelined.

"WHEN YOU TAKE 26 points out of your lineup, that's a heckuva thing to have happen," Niemi said.

"All year long, we've had two major scorers (Paupore and Troy Waldron), but the other kids stepped in and tried to do their best. That's all you can ask."

"It was an emotional game," he added. "Everybody knew the consequences of this game."

It looked as if neither team, how-

ever, was eager to win the game in the fourth quarter, which saw the Hawks outscore Canton 5-0. It was not an example of well-played basketball by either team.

For their part, the Chiefs were 6-for-10 from the field in the last eight minutes.

"Both teams wanted it, believe me," Niemi said.

IRONICALLY, THE Hawks won the game with a pair of Chad Burgess free throws that put Harrison in front 36-35. But the Hawks were just 7-of-21 at the line for the game and 3-of-8 in the finale.

"Do you think we're going to be shooting free throws next week?" Teachman said.

With Paupore out of the lineup and Mill Coleman having pulled the Hawks within two, 35-33, early in the quarter, the Chiefs went to a slow-down offense and began to work the clock.

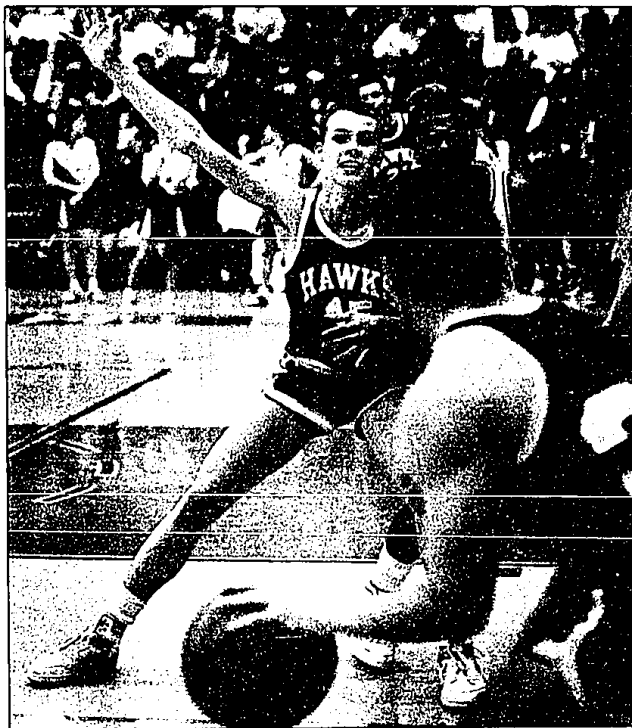
Canton also wanted to be sure of getting a high-percentage shot. Niemi said, "but they didn't drop. When they don't drop, you don't win."

Niemi, as did Teachman, also cited the defensive play that dominated the fourth quarter.

"When you hold a state-ranked team to 35 points, you've gotta be proud," he said. "You should win when you hold people to that, but it just didn't happen."

BURGESS, WHO scored a game-high 15 points, foiled Canton's stall tactic with a steal that led to a foul and a free throw, narrowing the deficit to 34-33 with 4:12 to play. His winning free throws followed.

Please turn to Page 2



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

Ron Karbowksi positions himself to receive an entry pass from teammate Steve Hill. Defending is Canton's Ron Staples. Karbowksi re-

placed Bryan Wauldron, who was ill, in the Harrison starting lineup Friday.

## Cage crusade Madonna trying to build program

IT WAS EMBARRASSING, I'll have to admit. Here is Madonna College, trying to gain some identity in men's college basketball and I screw things up.

My story a couple of weeks ago on the Madonna-Schoolcraft game was fine, but the only problem was that the headline read: "Monarchs overhauled Schoolcraft."

"Monarchs?" questioned a PR person from the college. "We liked your story, but we're the Crusaders."

I had to ask myself, where did I come up with the nickname Monarchs?

It sounded OK. But let's face it folks, that was a royal screwup.

It's not as easy as you think, making a name for yourself in the small college basketball ranks. Bob Whitlow can attest to that.

Right now Whitlow is the Madonna program — trainer, recruiter, bus driver, academic adviser and foremost coach. He has no assistants to lean on.

WHITLOW ARRIVED from Oakland Community College saddled with a bunch of castoffs, players who had no other place to go.

But the 51-year-old coach, who played guard and center five years with the Detroit Lions (1961-



Brad Emons

65), has the Crusaders (that's better, Brad) in the running for one of the six playoff spots in District 23 (Michigan) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The winner advances to the NAIA Tournament in March in Kansas City, a tournament that has spawned the likes of NBA players Willis Reed, Dick Barnett, Jack Sikma, Rick Mahorn, Terry Porter, World B. Free and John Drew.

"If we beat Aquinas next week we're in the running for the playoffs," says Whitlow. "To make the playoffs would be a real accomplishment for our program."

The Crusaders won a couple of weeks ago at Northwood, an established program that has sent teams to KC. Last weekend they nearly upset Orchard Lake St. Mary's, another respected small college program.

With a limited bench, a dimly lit gym and no

athletic scholarships, Whitlow has gotten by on wits alone.

BUT THAT'S NOT surprising in light of Whitlow's background.

A native of Ellettsville, Ind., a farming town just west of Bloomington, Whitlow was a high school football star in basketball country.

When he graduated from Bloomington High, Whitlow was offered scholarships to several big-name schools.

"I could have gone to places like TCU, Ole Miss, Texas A&M, but I had terrible grades and couldn't get in," Whitlow said. "That's why I'm so hard on my players about their grades."

Whitlow ended up at Compton Junior College in California where he played on an undefeated team.

"That was a good break for me," he said, "because I was recruited and wound up averaging 53 minutes a game my sophomore year at the University of Arizona."

Whitlow left Tucson for the National Football League, starting in Washington and including stops in Detroit, Atlanta and Cleveland. His career spanned 10 years.

Please turn to Page 3



JIM JAGOFFEL/staff photographer

Bob Whitlow can only speculate about what's in store for the Madonna College basketball program.

## Harrison gridders selects Cincinnati

Dale Katz, a two-way lineman, became the second Farmington Hills Harrison football player to make a verbal commitment last week.

The 6-foot-4, 235-pound Katz told the University of Cincinnati coaches he will accept their scholarship offer. High school players can sign letters of intent on Wednesday.

Katz, who was instrumental in the Hawks winning the Class B championship and having a 13-0 season last fall, also considered Wyoming, Toledo and Eastern Michigan.

"He liked the big-time schedule Cincinnati will play," Harrison coach John Herrington said, "and they have a brand new coaching staff. He thinks he'll be able to get in on the ground floor and have a good chance there."

Herrington said the Bearcats entered the bidding process for Katz late, which made his selection rather surprising.

"They got their new staff together and gave him call, and Dale said 'I might be interested in them,'" Herrington said.

Harrison all-state receiver Bryan Wauldron previously gave a verbal commitment to EMU.

Other area players also made their plans known last week.

Redford Catholic Central's all-state noseguard and Class A champion wrestler Lee Krueger is headed to Wisconsin on a wrestling scholarship. He hopes to make the football team as a walk-on.

Westland John Glenn fullback and linebacker Bryant Satterlee will play football at Central Michigan. The 6-3, 210-pound senior is expected to be a linebacker in college.

Harrison defensive tackle Jeff Skinner is leaning toward Alma Col-

Please turn to Page 2

## Mercy earns win on volleyball court

Farmington Hills Mercy avenged an earlier loss to Harper Woods Regins by beating the Saddellites in their own gymnasium Thursday, 15-3, 4-15, 16-14.

Furthermore, the Marlins accomplished the Central Division victory without two starters, Lee Albrecht and Andrea Velthoven. Albrecht remains sidelined by an injury while Velthoven had the flu.

"We had a makeshift lineup and, luckily, it worked out to our advantage," Mercy coach Tim DeBello said. "The other girls didn't know Andrea would not be there until we got on the bus."

"But we talked about what we had to do on the way over there, and they were nodding their heads like 'We can do it, coach.'"

Mercy is 6-3 in the division and can clinch second place by beating Birmingham Marian in a home match tonight. Livonia Ladywood already has locked up the Central title.

The Marlins are 21-4 overall. Regins dropped to 5-4 in the division. Jennifer Goff was Mercy's top hitter, recording eight kills out of 16 spikes for a .500 hitting percentage. Nikki Burns averaged 5.3 assists per game.

"Maureen Paulin didn't have many attacks (4), but all went for kills," DeBello said.

Becky Leddy replaced Velthoven and played a good all-around game, especially in the back row, according to DeBello. Betsy Pope had three blocks against Regins' 6-foot-1 Polly Williams.

## John Miller to get special grid honor

Mark Messner, a former football standout at Redford Catholic Central, and John Miller, who prepped at Farmington Hills, will be given the Wolverine Human Services Tony Sablow Award for humanitarianism and courage shown on and off the field in college.

Messner recently capped an outstanding collegiate career, being named All-Big Ten defensive tackle four consecutive years for the Rose Bowl champion University of Michigan football team. Miller finished his four-year career at Michigan State University, earning All-Big Ten honors last fall as a safety.

Wolverine confers these awards annually for Big Ten and Mid-American collegiate athletes at its Sportmen's On and Off the Field Banquet. This year the banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at the Novi Hilton. Tickets are \$35. Call 822-2070 for information.

The Sportmen's Banquet honors these athletes from Big Ten and MAC colleges for their athletic prowess, community involvement and academic accomplishments.

Eastern Michigan fullback Steven Palmateer, from Northstreet, Mich., is the MAC's representative for the Wolverine Human Services Humanitarian Award.

Reggie McKenzie, who played for both the Buffalo Bills and Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League, will be the keynote speaker.

The banquet raises money for children in treatment programs operated by Wolverine Human Services. MHS is a multi-program, non-profit youth service agency serving some 100 abused, neglected, emotionally disturbed and delinquent adolescent males and their families in Michigan.